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The listed documents were cited in a Search Report in a corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated July 8, 2005, is enclosed.

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